

(v) Jan Shikshan Sansthan to provide vocational and technical skills especially in rural areas.

Retention of teachers by KVS

4672. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA:
SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2865 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th August, 2000 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas of Delhi region have been charge-sheeted on the basis of records which are of 'C' category and which have not been retained after the expiry of their period of retention;

(b) if so, the details of such teachers, category-wise; and

(c) the reasons and justifications, if any, for such a self-contradictory action on the part of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Damage to diamond industry in Gujarat

4673. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of damage caused to the diamond industry due to the recent earthquake in Gujarat;

(b) what steps the Ministry has taken to minimise the damage and to restore the industry; and

(c) the diamond exports from India during the last five years?

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[27 April, 2001]

RAJYA SABHA

(SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) and (b) As per information furnished by the Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council, an autonomous body under Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, the internal supply line of diamonds in Gujarat was affected for about 10 days after the earthquake on 26th January, 2001. The attendance of workers was affected due to continuous tremors during that period. Normalcy was restored in Surat within about a fortnight after the earthquake. Normalcy was restored in the diamond industry in Ahmedabad within a month of the earthquake. Government of India, State Government of Gujarat and voluntary organisations including those from the diamond industry have moved in with relief work and for rehabilitation of those affected by the earthquake.

(c) Export of diamonds (cut and polished) as per information maintained by the Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council during the last five years were as follows:—

| Year | Export Value in Rs. (Crores) |
|-----------|------------------------------|
| 1996-97 | 14916.50 |
| 1997-98 | 16579.45 |
| 1998-99 | 21074.12 |
| 1999-2000 | 28706.51 |
| 2000-2001 | 28000.74 (Provisional) |

Revising royalty on Coal, Chromite and Bauxite

4674. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) when the Government of India had revised the royalty on Coal, Chromite and Bauxite and whether the next revision is already due;

(b) the date and other details of last revision of royalty on Coal, Chromite, Bauxite by the Orissa Government; and

(c) whether Government intend to revise the royalty on Coal, Bauxite and Chromite?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES